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Former CIA agent exposes U.S. 'secrets'

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The government is brainwashing the public by keeping information from them, a former CIA agent told Oklahoma State University students Tuesday in the Student Union Little Theater.

Peter James began working for the CIA in 1965 while he was a

physicist for Pratt-Whitney Aircraft, a rocket engine company, and was "rubbing elbows with the cream of the crop of the Soviet Union."

While working as a CIA agent, James discovered that the Soviets were trying to achieve military, space and strategic superiority over the United States. He also learned "you still can't tell the whole truth."

"This is where I got my first taste of censorship — on the secret level," James said.

He said the government unjustly has tried to keep the public from receiving this information by keeping it out of secret documents.

JAMES SAID HE felt the American public should know about CIA secrets. He has written a book, "Soviet Conquest from Space."

Because of his endeavors, he was fired from his job at Pratt and Whitney and was limited, by the government, to the United States.

James was the first intelligence analyst to document work about

the Soviet space shuttle program.

He said the Soviet Union has the power to reuse their intercontinental ballistic missile launch silos through the use of compressed gas.

The SALT I treaty limits the number of launchers Russia may have but does not limit the number of missiles.

James said the Nixon administration knew the SALT I treaty was unfair and that Russians had larger military abilities.

When the SALT II treaty was drawn up, James said, it required that any missile the United States builds be only half as big as the Soviet 18 SS missile.

HE SAID THAT the Russians own several other larger sized missiles. He added, "The Soviet warheads are also larger."

"Whether it is the Republican or Democratic party, they don't level with the American public. They have their political party at stake," he said.

James said he feels he had the best cover of any person working with the CIA.

While most agents fabricated stories about their backgrounds, James didn't have to worry about this. "I just played myself," he said.

"Soviet technology is crude, but it is reliable and it works," James said.

The American space program is developing a shuttle that will be as good as the Soviet space equipment, but James said it will "be as

good as a tractor-trailer out of gas on a Los Angeles freeway." The government, he said, is only building one shuttle for the two-shuttle space craft.

JAMES SPOKE AGAINST several U.S. government policies.

He said the appropriate response for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan would have been war. Instead, President Carter enforced a boycott on the Olympics.

"From the Russians' point of view, we are a weak Christian-oriented country," James said.

He said the United States needs more new military equipment like the B-1 bomber. "We can't rely on the B-52's with new missiles."

He added that the United States has no military defense if a Soviet missile is launched.

"After a Russian missile is launched, once we detect it, it will come in and we can't stop it," he said.

He said the Soviets have various fallout shelters but the United States have none. "Russia is developing first strike capabilities," James added. "They must be, or they wouldn't have reusable missiles."

He said the Soviet Union not only believes it can win a nuclear war but also may feel it can win the war without firing any missiles.

James is writing a new book, "Secret, No Foreign Dissemination."

This, he said, is the reason for his book:

"The public must know the other side of the story because they aren't getting it straight from the government."

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Peter James, former CIA agent, speaks to OSU students Tuesday night in the Student Union Little Theater. James began working for the CIA in 1965 as a physicist for Pratt-Whitney Aircraft. (Staff photo)